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# **Identity Theft Victim Complaint Data**

**Figures and Trends on Identity Theft  
In California**

**January 1 – December 31, 2001**

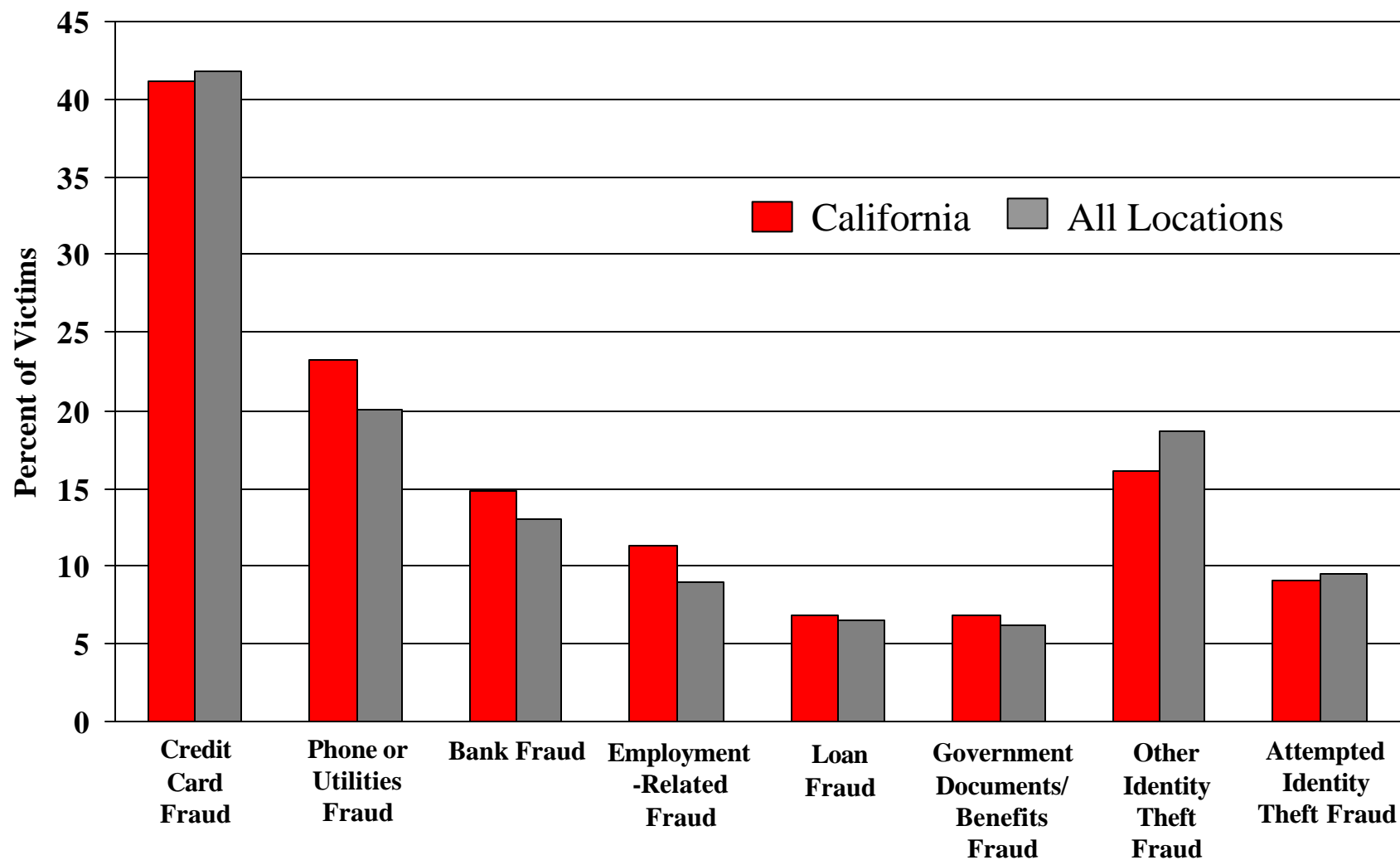
*Federal Trade Commission*

*Washington, DC*



# How Victims' Information Is Used<sup>1</sup>

January 1 – December 31, 2001



<sup>1</sup> Approximately 20% of all victims and 23% of victims in California experienced more than one type of identity theft. This chart contains the percentage of victims experiencing each theft type.



# How Victims' Information Is Used<sup>1</sup>

**Total Number of Identity Theft Victims: California=15,115 \*\*\* All Locations=86,168**

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## Bank Fraud Complaints:

**California – 2,247 \*\*\* All Locations – 11,268**

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Existing Accounts	7.3%	6.2%
New Accounts	3.1	2.7
Electronic Fund Transfer	2.3	1.9
Unspecified	2.1	2.3

## Credit Card Fraud Complaints:

**California – 6,234 \*\*\* All Locations – 36,020**

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
New Accounts	26.3%	26.0%
Existing Accounts	10.4	10.2
Unspecified	4.6	5.6

## Government Documents/Benefits Fraud Complaints:

**California – 1,024 \*\*\* All Locations – 5,309**

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Driver's License Issued / Forged	2.9%	2.7%
Fraudulent Tax Return	1.9	1.9
Social Security Card Issued/Forged	0.7	0.7
Gov't Benefits Applied For / Rec'd	0.7	0.4
Other Gov't Docs Issued / Forged	0.3	0.3
Unspecified	0.2	0.2

## Attempted Identity Theft Fraud Complaints:

**California – 1,356 \*\*\* All Locations – 8,227**

## Employment-Related Fraud Complaints:

**California – 1,708 \*\*\* All Locations – 7,685**

## Loan Fraud Complaints:

**California – 1,031 \*\*\* All Locations – 5,595**

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Personal / Business Loan	3.5%	3.4%
Auto Loan / Lease	1.9	1.8
Real Estate Loan	0.8	0.7
Unspecified	0.6	0.6

## Other Identity Theft Fraud Complaints:

**California – 2,433 \*\*\* All Locations – 16,095**

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Other	10.5%	12.9%
Illegal / Criminal	1.4	1.7
Medical	1.5	1.6
Internet / E-Mail	1.1	1.0
Apartment / House Rented	1.0	0.9
Bankruptcy	0.3	0.4
Securities / Other Investments	0.3	0.2

## Phone or Utilities Fraud Complaints:

**California – 3,523 \*\*\* All Locations – 17,294**

<i>Theft Subtypes</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>All Locations</i>
Wireless - New	11.5%	9.7%
Telephone - New	7.2	5.3
Utilities - New	2.3	2.4
Unauthorized Charges to Existing Accounts	0.6	0.5
Unspecified	1.7	2.3

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# Identity Theft Victims<sup>1</sup>

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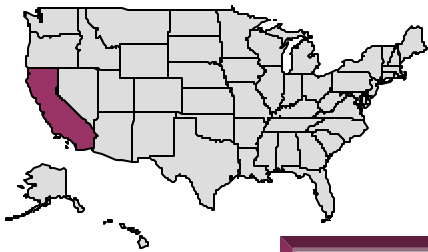
## Top 10 States (number of victims)

Location	No.
1. California	15,115
2. New York	7,076
3. Texas	6,496
4. Florida	5,696
5. Illinois	3,784
6. Pennsylvania	2,704
7. Georgia	2,592
8. Michigan	2,589
9. New Jersey	2,575
10. Ohio	2,283

## Top 10 States (victims per 100,000)

Location	Rate
1. District of Columbia	76.7
2. California	44.6
3. Nevada	40.5
4. Maryland	37.3
5. New York	37.3
6. Arizona	36.9
7. Oregon	36.7
8. Florida	35.6
9. Washington	35.0
10. Georgia	31.7

<sup>1</sup> 92% of victims reported their state location.



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## Top 10 Cities Nationwide (number of victims)

City	No.
New York City <sup>1</sup>	3,315
Chicago	1,470
Los Angeles	1,351
Houston	1,217
Miami	911
San Francisco	601
Philadelphia	598
Phoenix	537
Las Vegas	534
San Diego	503

## Top 10 Cities In California (number of victims)

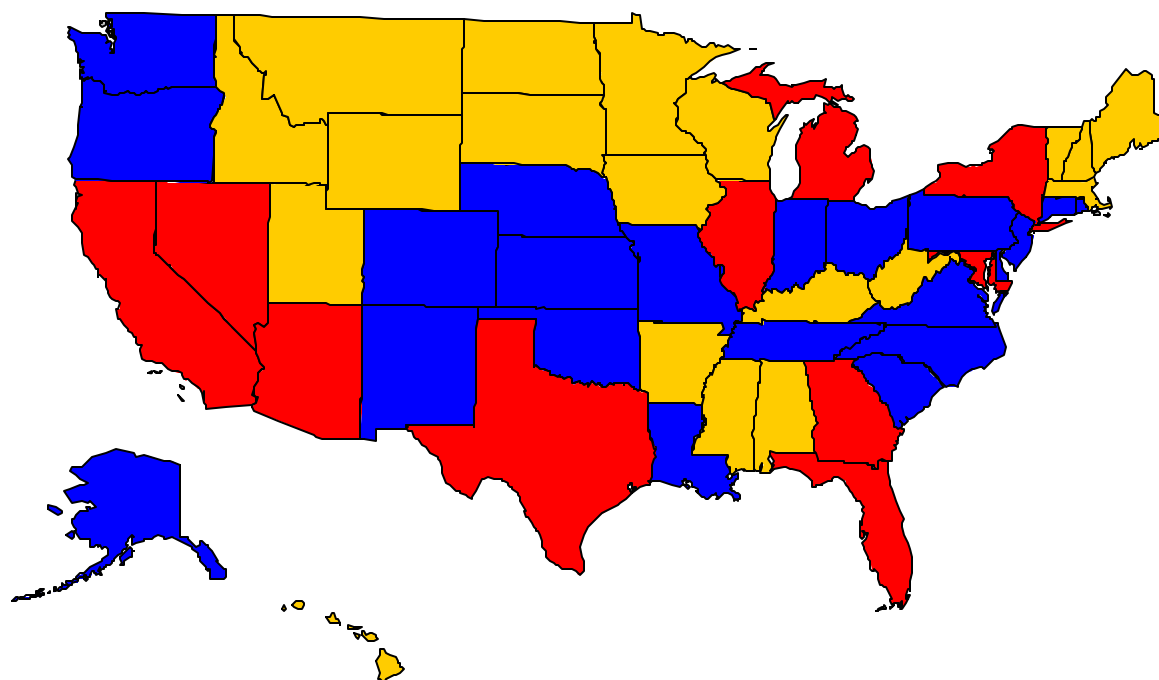
City	No
Los Angeles	1,351
San Francisco	601
San Diego	503
Long Beach	316
San Jose	313
Sacramento	282
Oakland	278
Fresno	166
Riverside	165
Anaheim	144

<sup>1</sup>"New York City" includes the five boroughs: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island.



# Identity Theft Suspects by State (Per 100,000)<sup>1</sup>

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Yellow Less Than 11    Blue 11-17    Red More Than 17

## Identity Theft Suspects Top 10 Locations (suspects per 100,000)

Location	Rate
1. District of Columbia	72.9
2. Nevada	30.5
3. Florida	28.7
4. California	27.3
5. New York	26.7
6. Georgia	23.3
7. Arizona	22.5
8. Maryland	21.7
9. Illinois	19.3
10. Michigan	17.5

<sup>1</sup>Note that victims frequently do not know or do not provide a state location for a suspect.